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Enclosed please find the following documents regarding the above-referenced matter:

1. Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.112 (5 pages)
2. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 (8 pages);
3. Petition for One (1) Month Extension of Time (1 page);
4. Check in the amount of \$60.00; and
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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, in the above-referenced application, rejecting claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 14-22, 25-28, 92, 95, 97, and 103-107. The cited reference is Mehta, et. al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,308,750. The following remarks and enclosed Declaration remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Remarks begin on p. 2 of this paper.

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